

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-15 (Cancelled)

Claim 16 (New) A method of polishing a workpiece, the method comprising:
polishing a workpiece by bringing the workpiece into contact with a polishing surface; and
dressing the polishing surface after said polishing by ejecting fluid jets from a radially inward
position at a first speed or pressure and from a radially outward position at a second speed or
pressure which is higher than the first speed or pressure.

Claim 17 (New) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising conditioning the
polishing surface by a contact-type dresser for initial conditioning before starting using the polishing
surface.

Claim 18 (New) The method as recited in claim 17, further comprising dressing the polishing
surface after said polishing by the contact-type dresser simultaneously with said dressing of the
polishing surface after said polishing by ejecting fluid jets.

Claim 19 (New) The method as recited in claim 18, wherein the contact-type dresser
comprises a diamond dresser.

Claim 20 (New) A method of polishing a workpiece, the method comprising:
polishing a workpiece by bringing the workpiece into contact with a polishing surface; and
dressing the polishing surface after said polishing by ejecting fluid jets from a plurality of jet
nozzles positioned at different heights from the polishing surface.

Claim 21 (New) The method as recited in claim 20, further comprising conditioning the
polishing surface by a contact-type dresser for initial conditioning before starting using the polishing
surface.

Claim 22 (New) The method as recited in claim 21, further comprising dressing the polishing surface after said polishing by the contact-type dresser simultaneously with said dressing of the polishing surface after said polishing by ejecting fluid jets.

Claim 23 (New) The method as recited in claim 22, wherein the contact-type dresser comprises a diamond dresser.

Claim 24 (New) A method of polishing a workpiece, the method comprising:
polishing a workpiece by bringing the workpiece into contact with a polishing surface; and
dressing the polishing surface after said polishing by ejecting fluid jets from a plurality of jet nozzles,

wherein a number of the plurality of jet nozzles at a radially inward position is less than a number of the plurality of jet nozzles at a radially outward position.

Claim 25 (New) The method as recited in claim 24, further comprising conditioning the polishing surface by a contact-type dresser for initial conditioning before starting using the polishing surface.

Claim 26 (New) The method as recited in claim 25, further comprising dressing the polishing surface after said polishing by the contact-type dresser simultaneously with said dressing of the polishing surface after said polishing by ejecting fluid jets.

Claim 27 (New) The method as recited in claim 26, wherein the contact-type dresser comprises a diamond dresser.